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Investment Infrastructure Development
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of funds for investment in infrastructure development in the country and an overall volume of institutionally assisted projects across the sectors;

b) if so, the details thereof along with the overall requirement of these projects including bringing in various types of foreign investments;

c) the details of the credit growth for infrastructure sector during the last three years and the current year; and

d) whether there has been a substantial decline in this sector as per RBI report, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government including measures to up-start the stalled projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE

(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) & (b) The Twelfth Five Year Plan had projected an investment of Rs. 55,74,663 crore over the Plan period (2012-17) in infrastructure defined to include electricity, renewable energy, roads & bridges, telecommunications, railways, mass rapid transit system, irrigation (including watershed), water supply & sanitation, ports (including inland waterways), airports, storage and oil & gas pipelines sectors which have been revised to Rs 37,24,078 crore. The actual investment in these sectors during 2012-13 and 2013-14 was Rs 5,50,166 crore and Rs 6,25,020 crore respectively, while it has been estimated at Rs 7,09,286 crore in 2014-15. Total cumulative drawls of external loan/grant up to 8th December, 2015 are Rs 56,875 crore for infra- related projects.

(c) & (d): Available data on Credit to infrastructure sector for select banks which cover about 95 percent of all non food extended by all scheduled commercial banks during last three financial years and current year is as under:

(Rs in crore)

(Outstanding as on)

Item 22/03/2013 21/03/2014 20/03/2015 30/10/2015

Non-food Credit 48,37,193 55,29,602 60,02,952 62,09,731

Infrastructure 7,28,966 8,36,357 9,24,531 9,60,872

Note: Data are provisional and relate to select banks which cover about 95 per cent of total non-food credit extended by all scheduled commercial banks

Government has taken steps to mobilize funds from various sources for development of basic infrastructure including establishment of Infrastructure Debt Funds, Real Estate/Infrastructure Business Trusts, relaxation in External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms, mainstreaming of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), liberalization of lending norms by banks in infrastructure sector, relaxation of norms for Employees' Provident Funds Organization (EPFO) /pension funds for infrastructure sector, periodical review of Harmonized List of Infrastructure, establishment of National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF), issuance of Tax Free Bonds etc. Further Project Monitoring Group has been set up in the Cabinet Secretariat with a view to putting in place an institutional mechanism to track stalled projects both in public and private sectors involving investment of Rs 1000 crore or more.

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